

PAYBODIE OR PEABODY LINEAGE

"From facts and reasonings gleaned from a tour of England the writer has formed the theory that John Paybody of Duxbury with his sons Francis and William, ancestors of the great American family, were natives of the County of Leicester and of the portion in or immediately south of the city of Leicester, probably the little parish of Glen Magna or Great Glen.

"The kind of man revealed in the wills quoted and reported above attract our respect. They were pure and upright in character, devoted to family and church; they possessed enough property to be independent and self-respecting, yet not so much so to prevent their rising up at the call of a new country. The seed sown by Wycliffe at Lutterworth- the oldest seat of the family of which we can learn- was of the right sort to make Puritans and Pilgrims, true to convictions, far-sighted for their children and staunch for the service of God." (Paybodie Genealogy by Selim Hobart Peabody, intro. p xvii)

"John Paybodie, born in England, came to Plymouth, New England, as early as 1636, for his name is in the list of freemen of the Colony dated March 7, 1636-7, and he was admitted and sworn with others whose names are in that list Jan. 2, 1637-8. He received a grant of ten acres of land Jan. 1, 1637-8, 'on Duxbury side, lying betwixt the lands of William Tubs on the north side, and those of Experience Mitchell on the south side, and from the sea in the west, and from Blew Fish River in the east.' Another tract, granted him Nov. 2, 1640, was thirty acres 'with meadow to it' at North River. He was a member of the jury which convicted three young Englishmen of the murder of an Indian Sept. 4, 1638, and of the 'Grand Inquest' at the court June 4, 1639. Children: Thomas, Francis, William, b about 1619, Ann's." (Paybodie Genealogy by Selim Hobart Peabody, p 1)

"William b in England about 1620; married at Plymouth, New England, Dec. 26, 1644, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Priscilla Mullins Alden, b at Plymouth about 1623, died in Little Compton, May 31, 1717.

"William Paybodie, or Pabodie as sometimes written by him and some of his descendants, grew up in Duxbury with his father and then made a position and acquired a competency for himself. He is called in deeds of lands at various times 'yoeman' 1648, 'boatman', and 'planter' 1672 and 'wheelwright' 1681. He was also a land surveyor, as his deposition shows. He acquired by purchase with others a share in the lands of Little Compton, R.I. and removed thither about the year 1684.

"Meantime he had been a town officer at Duxbury and a representative or deputy to the General Court of Plymouth Colony. June 5, 1651, he was admitted a freeman of the colony. He was elected to the General Court which met at Plymouth, Aug. 1, 1654, and re-elected each year till 1663 then again in 1668 and continued from 1671 until 1682. He died at Little Compton (then in Mass., now in R.I.), Dec. 13, 1701." (Paybodie Genealogy by Selim Hobart Peabody, p 463)